

**A RESOLUTION TO BE SUBMITTED BY
LEGISLATORS MILLER-WILLIAMS, GRANT, SAVAGE, BURKE**

RE: Supporting Efforts to Restore Humboldt Parkway

WHEREAS, “Green Parkway” is a vision for the restoration of Humboldt Parkway in the City of Buffalo, this community driven initiative is looking to reverse the devastating effects to the neighborhood from the construction of the Route 33 Kensington Expressway in the 1960s by creating a deck covering over the expressway; and

WHEREAS, the restoration of Humboldt Parkway will also reduce the incidence of asthma and other pulmonary disorders that have affected neighborhood residents; and

WHEREAS, residents and stakeholders from the Humboldt Parkway neighborhood have formed a community group dedicated to this vision called the ‘Restore Our Community Coalition,’ organizers from this group have been building support for this initiative at the City, State, and Federal levels; and

WHEREAS, the University at Buffalo’s School of Architecture and Planning and Regional Institute has completed a report called the ‘Kensington Deck Economic Impact Study,’ recently released findings highlight the feasibility of this project and the positive impact to the region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby goes on record to support the proposed “Green Parkway” initiative that focuses on the restoration of Humboldt Parkway in the City of Buffalo; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Legislature shall forward certified copies of this resolution to the Restore Our Community Coalition, Erie County Executive, City of Buffalo Mayor, Buffalo Common Council, 141st District of the New York State Assembly, 60th District of the New York State Senate, the New York delegation to the United States Senate, and 26th Congressional District of the United States House of Representatives.

FISCAL IMPACT: None for resolution.